

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: James M. Tour, *et al.*  
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Title: PROCESS FOR FUNCTIONALIZING CARBON NANOTUBES UNDER  
SOLVENT FREE CONDITIONS  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sirs:

This is a response to the Official Action ("Office Action") having a mailing date of May 12, 2008 with a three-month shortened statutory review period for response set to expire on August 12, 2008. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following claim amendments and remarks. Please amend and review the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 5 of this paper.